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AS NOTED IN REF B I THINK THE PORTUGUESE HAVE FINALLY BEEN
SENSITIZED TO THE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY ON RENEWAL
OF THE AZORES AGREEMENT. I AGREE THAT IT IS USEFUL TO USE THE
MAY 29-31 EANES VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO GIVE THE PORTUGUESE
A DEADLINE TO WORK AGAINST. THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, REMAINS
LARGELY ONE OF A MEETING OF MINDS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL AND
REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, PRIMARILY ON THE SIZE AND NATURE OF
THE DIRECT BENEFITS TO THE AZORES TO BE OBTAINED THROUGH
THE QUID. ONCE THE PORTUGUESE COME TO TERMS WITH THEMSELVES,
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS ON A NEW AGREEMENT.
IN SHORT, WHILE AN EXTENDED SERIES OF SESSIONS IN LISBON MAY
BE THE ULTIMATE VEHICLE TO PUSH ACROSS AN AGREEMENT, THE
PROBLEM REMAINS GETTING THE PORTUGUESE TO THE TABLE.
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